

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, above line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 102 48 372.8 filed October 17, 2002. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/EP2003/008020 filed July 23, 2003. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Please replace the second paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

Such a Rzeppa joint, which is known from ~~DE 1999 05 451 C2~~ DE 199 05 451 C2, for example, has an inner hub and an outer hub, between which an essentially ring-shaped cage is guided. Running grooves assigned to one another in pairs, in each instance, are made both in the inner hub and in the outer hub; balls that are accommodated in the cage are held to be displaced in these grooves. In this connection, the track base of the pairs of running grooves assigned to one another, in the inner hub and the outer hub, approach one another, alternately, proceeding from a first end of the Rzeppa joint in the direction of the second end, and proceeding from the second end in the direction of the first end.

Page 9, line 16, to page 10, line 2, replace this paragraph with the following paragraph:

-- In the second embodiment of the Rzeppa joint 1 shown in Fig. 5 to 8, the fundamental structure is extensively the same as that of the first embodiment described above. In the Rzeppa joint 1 according to the second embodiment, however, only four balls 6 are accommodated in the cage 5, ~~while according to the first~~ while according to the first embodiment, eight balls 6 are inserted in the pairs of running grooves and the cage 5. --